5. No tender will be received unless accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 50 as earnest money.

6. Within 8 days of the acceptance of the tender, the contractor will be required to execute the usual contract bond, in default of which his tender will be considered cancelled and his earnest money will be taken to meet any loss that may be sustained by Government.

7. The name of the contractor whose tender has been accepted will be posted on the notice board in the Executive Engineer's office in due course. No enquiries respecting the acceptance or rejection of a tender will receive any reply whatever.

8. On acceptance of one of the tenders, the earnest money on rejected tenders will be returned to the applicants in due course.

D. SITARAM RAO,
Offg. Executive Engineer.

TUMKUR MUNICIPALITY.

The 13th April 1886.

Proceedings of the Town Municipal Board, Tumkur, 13th April 1886.

Present.

Mr. B. G. Krishnaiengar, Vice-President.	Mr. Ramadasappa.
„ Arnold, Assistant Surgeon.	„ Appanna Chetti.
„ Venkatachar.	„ Sugappa.

The Monthly accounts and the Mortuary return for March 1886 have been read and passed.

The following resolutions have been passed:—

1. That the estimate of Rs. 25 for the repair of the sweeper's shed near Balanakatte appears to be somewhat high; it may be caused to be revised and the repairs executed under the direction of the Vice-President.

2. That the complaint of the residents of Santépete with regard to the boiling of oil-seed (haralu) and throwing up of their refuse at and near Chinagaiya's bandy stand adjoining the Bangalore-Honnavar road, thereby causing a bad smell injurious to the health of the neighbouring house-holders and to the passers by, being considered to be well founded, the oilmongers should be prevented from continuing the nuisance. The use of the bandy stand for the above purpose is not allowable and as the persons concerned have asked for time, they may be allowed two months to find out some less objectionable place on the condition of the refuse of the oil-seed being removed from the place so as to prevent the bad smell spreading.

3. That the petition of the toddy contractor, requesting that he may be permitted to remove his shop to a site said to have been purchased by him in Horapete, should be sent to the Commissioners of the Division with a view to their instituting necessary enquiry and reporting upon it before the meeting of the Board in May next.

4. That the levy of octroi duty except on cloths being considered an hinderance to the free exercise of trade (*vide* Dewan's Proceedings No. 1011—15, dated 17th September 1885), the Board is of opinion that the duties on the marginally noted articles may be abolished provided an equivalent income can be obtained from any other less vexatious source. The Board thinks that this is feasible by raising the shop and house taxes by two and one anna respectively on every rupee at present paid. It does not entail upon the people any great hardship since it is ascertained from the Shanbhog that one anna on every rupee is at present levied from such of the people as paid mohatarfa prior to the amalgamation of the municipal and mohatarfa taxes for the benefit of Talavars who are supposed to aid in the collection of the municipal taxes. So far as the Board is aware, this collection is unauthorized and it may be merged in the extra amount now proposed to be levied in lieu of the duties on the articles already mentioned. Besides the two merchant Municipal Commissioners, other merchants present at the meeting of the Board think that this increase of the house and shop taxes can be advantageously adopted. The collections for 1885-86 on the articles named were Rs. 302, and though the proposed increase on the *house and shop taxes does not fully cover the loss, yet considering the avoidance of annoyance to people it may be adopted.

Tobacco, betel-leaves, cocoanuts dry, cocoanuts fresh.

*House tax Rs. 1,663.
Shop tax Rs. 1,000.

Pending final orders on the above proposal, the question of granting licenses to betel leaf and tobacco sellers will be held in abeyance.

5. That the proposal of Mr. Arnold, Assistant Surgeon, to raise the pay of the marginally noted Dispensary servants seems deserving of consideration. The Board thinks that each of these may be given an increase of one rupee per month. Under existing arrangement, $\frac{3}{4}$rds of the pay of these servants are paid from District funds the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$th being paid by the Municipality. Thus out of three rupees proposed to be paid as increase to the above mentioned servants, the Municipality will have to pay one rupee per month.

	Present Pay.	Proposed Pay.
Surgery or Dispensary Cooly ...	5 0 0	6 0 0
Female Toti	4 0 0	5 0 0
Ward Cooly	5 0 0	6 0 0

6. That in spite of certain big wells being excavated in the town to meet the present scarcity of water, the Board thinks it necessary to deepen some of the existing wells, whether public or private, situated in the town to meet the growing wants of the people. It is however proposed that grants should be made to private wells provided their owners consent to their wells being made use of by the people generally. Rs. 200 are proposed to be set apart for this purpose.

B. G. KRISHNAIENGAR,
Vice-President.

SEASON REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1886.

Bangalore District.

Rain-fall.—Twenty cents of rain were gauged at Head-Quarters, Bangalore.

State of the crops.—The standing sugar-cane and paddy crops were in fair condition generally.

Sugar-cane and Vaisakha paddy were harvested and sugar-cane sown in some parts of the District.

Public health.—Good generally. Small-pox prevalent to a slight extent in Anekal and Dodballapur Taluks.

Mortality.—There were 600 deaths in the month of March against 546 in the preceding month, being an increase of 54.

Cattle.—One thousand seven hundred and sixty-two head of cattle died during the month under report against 1,187 in the month previous; of these, 255 were killed by wild beasts.

Lands.—Lands assessed at Rs. 5,305—14—10 were taken up for cultivation, while those for Rs. 7,388—1—4 were relinquished.

A. H. MACINTIRE,
Dy. Commr.

Mysore District.

Rain.—The rain-fall registered at the Head-Quarters of the Taluks was as follows:—

	Inches.	Cents.		Inches.	Cents.
Mysore ...	0	30	Nanjangud	0	40
Chamarajnagar ...	1	60	Tirumakudlu-Narsipur ...	2	50
Seringapatam ...	0	10	Mandya	0	92
Hunsur ...	0	24	Malvalli	2	40
Yedatore ...	0	94	Attikuppa	1	10
Heggaddevankote ...	0	30	Nagamangala	0	0
Gundlupet ...	4	65			

Crops.—Standing crops good. The late fall of rain has enabled the ryots to commence sowing operations. Cholam, black and green gram, tuvar, ragi, sugar-cane and sesamum were sown in some parts. Cotton in Tirumakudlu-Narsipur and paddy in Nagamangla Taluks were harvested.

Health.—Generally good. Fever, small-pox and diarrœa prevailed in part of the District.

Cattle.—Free from murrain. The total number of deaths was 1,406 including 152 destroyed by wild beasts.

Prices.—Fluctuating. Rice, 1st sort, was sold at 9½ seers, 2nd sort at 11 seers, ragi at 25 seers and horse-gram at 25 seers, the rupee.

ABDUL KHADER, K. B.,
Dy. Commissioner.